Subject No. 347.

Determination of cubic yards of earth in one chain.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The exact quantity of cubic yards of earth necessary to one chain measurement is estimated when the repairs to major and minor tanks are undertaken. But pits are dug in several places which causes loss to Government. It is requested that a general circular may be issued throughout the province restricting the number of pits to 5 or 6 to one chain having regard to the quantity of earth required.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

Subject No. 348.

Pipes to major tanks.

Mr. Giriappa Setti.
" Belavatta Thimmasetti of Gubbi Taluk.
" Venkatanarasimha Char of Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Big landholders and patels who own lands near the sluice divert all the water to their lands and cause a diminution of water to the lands in the lower reaches of the channel. Pipes may be laid out under all major tanks.

Reply of Government.—If the people concerned pay the cost, pipes can be laid as suggested.

Subject No. 349.

Metalling roads.

Mr. K. Krishna Murti Rao of Magadi.

Summary of discussion.—The spreading of gravel and metals on the roads without leaving a margin is a source of impediment for the passage of wheeled traffic; in the rainy season these wheeled carts get stuck in the ground. It is solicited that orders may be issued for the repair of only half the portion of a road at one time, the other portion being repaired after the completion of the first half.

Reply of Government.—The Chief Engineer's attention will be drawn to the representation.

Subject No. 350.

Construction of a bridge across the Suvarnavathi.

Mr. Venkatasamaiya, Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The annual high flood in the Suvarnavathi river prevents easy traffic during the rainy season. The construction of a bridge across the river is therefore necessary for the convenience of the public.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 351.

Roads to be opened between agricultural lands below large tanks.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The wet lands under some of the tanks cover an area of 1 or 2 miles in length and breadth. During cultivation season much difficulty is experienced to convey manure, etc., to the lands situated in the middle. Pray for a road of 4 yards in breadth according to the atchkat of each tank. The necessary earthwork may be done by the raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Deputy Commissioners and District Boards will be asked to attend to such wants and take action to remove existing inconvenience of this kind.

RAILWAYS.

Subject No. 352.

Railways and communications.

Mr. Graham Anderson, C. I. E.

Summary of discussion.—Expresses a hope that all chance of Railway extension towards Mangalore on the Coffee District have not been relinquished. The member read the following * note. (Appendix D. 5.)

Reply of Government.—The Government will give their best consideration to this matter.